

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Boe v. Boe

Docket No. 45727

Amelia M. Johnson, fka Boe (Mother), brought this appeal from the Ada County magistrate court. Mother and Erik T. Boe (Father) divorced in 2010 and, at that time, stipulated to a joint-custody arrangement regarding their two minor children, L.R.B. and L.E.B. (collectively, the children). That custody arrangement governed until 2015, when Father relocated from Southeast Boise to Meridian. With Father's move came disputes over physical and legal custody, which schools the children should attend, and issues pertaining to child support. A two-year course of litigation ensued, with Mother and Father ultimately stipulating to a partial judgment that resolved physical custody and trying to the magistrate court issues concerning legal custody, the children's schools, and child support. As relevant here, the magistrate court ruled that the children were to attend the schools assigned to Father's Meridian home and that Mother and Father were each entitled to one dependency exemption. On appeal, Mother challenged these rulings from trial and, further, made several contentions pertaining to physical custody.

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the challenged rulings of the magistrate court. The Court concluded that the issue of physical custody was moot because that issue was resolved by the parties' stipulated-to partial judgment and Mother made no argument that such judgment should be voided. Further, the Court concluded that the magistrate court did not err by assigning the Children to the Meridian Schools because the magistrate court's ruling in this regard was supported by substantial, competent evidence. Finally, the Court affirmed the magistrate court's allocation of the dependency exemptions.